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First Lady Lori Hauser Holden to Introduce Missouri's Entrant to the Washington, D.C. National Marathon

Jefferson City—Missouri's First Lady Lori Hauser Holden will introduce the state's first representative to the Second National Marathon in Washington, D.C. at a press conference adjacent to the Governor's Office on Wednesday, February 19, at 1:15 P.M., in Jefferson City.

Missouri's representative to the Second National Marathon is Becky Lorey, Ste. Genevieve, chosen from a field of 63 applicants. Lorey has been running and racing for 15 years. For the past two years, she has been working with her coach to qualify for the 2004 Olympic marathon trials in St. Louis. Lorey and her husband both hold engineering degrees. She is currently a stay-at-home Mom, with a two- and a five-year-old. The race will take place in Washington, D.C. on March 23.

Expenses for the trip are being underwritten by: the Missouri Hotel and Lodging Association, ACT Missouri, and Clark Hampton, St. Joseph. The Missouri Department of Transportation is providing reflective cones that will mark the marathon route in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Holden will also introduce Clark Hampton, St. Joseph, who has been named Chair of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health. Hampton serves on the Heartland Regional Community Foundation, the Pony Express Council, BSA and the Hillyard Companies Boards. He also serves on the St. Joseph Aviation Board and is associated with Express Flight, Inc., an aircraft charter service.

The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health promotes physical fitness and health statewide by implementing programs, fostering communication and cooperation, and developing statewide support that will help the citizens of Missouri develop and maintain healthier lifestyles.

The Second National Marathon is the only race completely within the District of Columbia's borders that showcases not only the postcard perfect view of the nation's Capitol, but introduces neighborhoods, historical sights and favorite local spots not ordinarily seen. Last year, thousands of people lined the streets of Washington, and waved and shouted as runners streamed through.

